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Sunday Schedule: Worship Service, 10 a.m.
Coffee Fellowship, 11:15 a.m.
Adult Church School, 11:30 a.m.
Children Church School, 10:10 a.m.

Hazelwood's Statement of Calling: As members of the body of Christ, we at Hazelwood are called to share God's love by introducing individuals to Christ and nurturing personal spiritual growth for Christ's mission.

Motto: Our **BEST** for Christ



Look for us at:
www.hazelwoodchurch.org
We are constantly building and adding to it, so check back often! You can also contact us through the Website. Check out the home page.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE

August 31
September 14 & 28

Items to be published in the Newsletter are due in the office the Monday prior to publish date. Thank you!



HAZELWOOD LEAVES

August 17, 2017



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:2

BUDGET UPDATE

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/8/17: \$5,481.43

Offerings Received for Week Ending 8/15/17: \$4,715.50

Average Offering for Last Five Weeks: \$5,031.83

Average Weekly Need: \$5,790

Jan.-July 2017 Offerings Compared to Budget: \$967.51*

**Reflects the amount received OVER Budget*



- ♦ Mauri Mangas has been released from IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital and is recovering at Elmcroft.
- ♦ Molly Wantz is home recovering from her recent surgery.
- ♦ Lois Gross is a patient at IU Health Saxony Hospital in Fishers.

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

James 5:15-16

THANKS!

A big "Thank You!" to Shirley Bookout for so generously allowing us to use her pool and for providing the hotdogs, drinks, and other items for our Back-to-School Pool Party!

~Rev. James & The Hazelwood Youth

WELCOME BACK!

Dick and Jane Fraizer came forward during worship on Sunday, August 13 to rededicate themselves as members of Hazelwood, now that they have moved back to this area. We are glad to have them worshiping with our family once again!



I grew up with the quiet racism of the Midwest. I was surprised, as a seminary student in Texas, to encounter the more overt racism of the South. One member of the church I pastored during seminary said, during a Sunday School class discussion, that he didn't like people of certain races, and he said it all without any sense of guilt or self-consciousness. Where I grew up in Missouri, though, racism was quieter. It was the racism of the racist joke told behind the scenes or the subtle way some were included or excluded from invitations or jobs based on race. Racism was definitely there, but it was a quiet racism.

Growing up around a quiet racism, I'm surprised when racism bubbles up like it did in Charlottesville, Virginia last weekend. We saw white nationalists marching in the street, carrying torches, and proclaiming Nazi slogans. We saw protests turn violent and a car driven into a crowd of protesters, killing one person. "Is this really the America I know?" we ask ourselves. We wonder how something like this still happens here.

Maybe I shouldn't be surprised, though. Racism was always there, even if I knew it in its quieter version. Whenever I turned a blind eye to racism, didn't say anything when I heard an awful racist joke, or acted like racism wasn't a problem because it didn't affect me, I was allowing the current situation to continue. I shouldn't be surprised these forces are still at work and have become more empowered recently. It was always there; I just had the privilege of acting like it wasn't.

The world is a smaller place now. We're more likely to work with, go to school with, or be neighbors to someone who has a very different background or lifestyle or comes from a different culture than the one we know. If you look around in a restaurant or store you'll see people who look or dress very differently. It's natural that at times differences bring tensions or misunderstandings. We as Christians, though, understand we're all equal because we're all equally God's creation. We may look or act differently, but we know we're all created in God's image. That means we all deserve fair treatment, equal justice, and respect, regardless of race. It means, too, that we as Christians have no problem saying "no" to racism, whether it's a quiet version or the loud version we saw last week in Virginia.

Grace & peace,
Jason Jones

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

"I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This is a special message from my desk on behalf of the school's Board of Management, parents, the teaching staff, and students that we are so grateful to have received the following donations through Prof. Winnie Muchera: 1) School uniforms for 231 students; 2) School supplies; 3) Sanitary pads for girls; 4) Medicine.

Our students are so overwhelmed by this positive and godly gesture. I say thank you and may God bless Hazelwood Christian Church leadership and the people of America. Amen. Thank you."

Yours in Christ,
Victor Umali Songole, Principal, Shivembe Primary School

"Dear church,

We thank the Almighty Father for the good health He has continued to give to us since we became one family. The group is most thankful for the help you have given to them every year. We appreciated the donation of ksh 5,000/=, medicines, sanitary towels (pads) for our girls, and other learning materials. You have touched many hearts and uplifted their living standards. We therefore thank you so much and pray that God will sustain us and make the relationship stronger in the years to come.

God bless you so much."

Yours Sincerely,
Mama Ni Mama Women's Group

NIGHT OF PRAISE

It's time to get your praise on! Your Hazelwood Praise Band is offering a time of praise and singing on Sunday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is the weekend Ball State students return to campus. We are wanting to use this Night of Praise to welcome them to Hazelwood. Spread the word. However, this night is not just for students. It's for all who love to praise the Lord. This will be a casual time of praising and singing and praying to our God! You will hear songs you may already know, but you will also hear songs you may not know. People can sometimes feel uncomfortable singing a new song. While it's good to sing praises to God, sometimes it's just as important to let a song speak to you by just listening. Let it wash over you, and through you. Let it enter your heart and find a welcome home there. While the planning is still in process, I believe this Night of Praise will be no more than an hour long. But who can put a timetable on praising God????!!!! I hope you will join us for this first of hopefully many opportunities to praise God at a Night of Praise.

~Marianna Gill, Worship Coordinator



GET INVOLVED!

Getting involved in church beyond Sunday morning worship helps you grow closer to your church family and closer to God. Have you been looking for new ways to get involved here at Hazelwood? Here are just a few of the many opportunities currently available:

Bell & Vocal Choirs: All are invited to join the Hazelwood Bell Choir or Vocal Choir. Bells meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m., beginning September 6. Vocal Choir meets every Wednesday at 7:15 p.m., beginning August 23. If you would like more information, contact our Director of Choirs, Sally Geib, at smkg07@gmail.com.

Church School Teachers: We are looking for teachers, helpers, and substitutes for Church School on Sunday mornings during part of the worship service. Teachers rotate monthly and are provided curriculum. There are currently two Church School groups: Toddler to Preschool, and Kindergarten to 5th Grade. If you would like to volunteer to help teach, contact Rev. James in the church office.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship): This group of women is hosted by Jeane Garrett at Morrison Woods, Room #101, on the 4th Monday of the month at 2 p.m. If you are interested in joining them or have any questions, contact Mary Dobson at (765) 281-9132.

Meal Coordinator: Often times after a funeral service, family and friends will gather in Cartwright Hall for a light meal. We are looking for someone who is willing to coordinate these meals. This person would be in charge of finding volunteers to come in and help prepare the meal, serve, and clean up afterwards. This is a great opportunity to be a blessing to others at a time when they need the support of their church family the most. Contact Stefanie in the church office for more information or if you would like to volunteer.

Men's Lunch: This group of men meets in Cartwright Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month at Noon for lunch and fellowship. The group takes turns hosting and preparing the meal. If you are interested in joining them or have any questions, contact Gene Dobson at (765) 281-9132.

Receptionists: We are in need of receptionists to help answer phones and greet visitors weekday mornings from 9 a.m.-Noon. If you would like more information or to volunteer one day of the week, please contact Stefanie in the church office.

Youth Sponsors: We are looking for individuals interested in being part of the leadership of our elementary, middle, and high school youth. Youth Sponsors in the past have helped with anything from teaching during All-Youth Fellowship to planning or chaperoning various events. Contact Rev. James in the church office to learn more about this opportunity.

There are many other opportunities throughout the year to get involved here at Hazelwood. If you would like to know more, contact Stefanie in the church office or send an email to hazelwoodchurch@gmail.com.

Preschool

Summer Camp

Summer Camp has been so much fun this year! We have learned about community heroes, bugs, ocean friends and much, much more. It's hard to believe we only have a couple of weeks left. Thank you parents and grandparents for sending your children to spend time with us this summer. We have truly been blessed with these precious children. It's been a fantastic summer!

~Angela Lopez, Preschool Director

*We have extended the dates of Summer Camp and ELC. We will be open August 21– September 1. Students MUST be registered ahead of time to attend!

Orientation

Calling all families of preschoolers: Orientation is next week! The 2-3 Year-Old Classes and the 4-5 Year-Old Classes will be on Wednesday, August 23. The 3-4 Year-Old Classes will be on August 24. All registered students should have received a packet of information to fill out and bring to orientation as well as a list of school supplies. If you did not receive a packet or need additional information, please feel free to contact Angela Lopez at (765) 284-2430.

Looking Ahead

August 21	Teacher Work Day
August 23	Orientation for 2-3 & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
August 23	Orientation for 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 4	Labor Day– No School
September 5	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 6	First Day 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday & 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 25	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 4-5 Year-Old Classes
September 26	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Tuesday & 3-4 Year-Old Classes
September 27	Donuts for Dad, 2-3 Year-Old Wednesday Class
September 28	Chapel, 9:10 a.m. & 12:40 p.m., 3-4 Year-Old Classes



AYF (ALL-YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)

Our Pool Party on August 13 was a great way to kick off the new school year, with 22 youth and their parents joining in the fun. AYF will continue to meet every other Sunday through November 19, then meet on the first two Sundays in December as we shop for and wrap gifts for the Christmas Box Project. For each meeting, we'll start by gathering in Cartwright Hall for lunch at 11:30 a.m. After we've had our fill, we'll continue in fellowship with Bible Study and activities until 1 p.m.

All youth, from Kindergarten through 12th grade, are invited to join us as we take a look at how our faith impacts our lives and our community through Bible study, movies, and service projects. We will meet as one big group for some activities and will break up into separate groups for elementary, middle school, and high school when appropriate. If you have any questions about AYF, contact Rev. James in the church office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 27	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
September 9	Church Trip to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari
September 10	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
September 24	All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall CROP Hunger Walk, 2 p.m., Riverside United Methodist
September 27	See You at the Pole, 7 a.m.

Keep an eye on this section of the newsletter for more details on these and other upcoming events!

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Hazelwood has been fortunate to have had two past ministers who had each led the congregation for a significant number of years. The Sulanke Fellowship House and Cartwright Hall were so named to honor the impact these men had in the lives of the Hazelwood congregation. However, with the pending sale of the Fellowship House, we find ourselves in the position of no longer having that opportunity to recognize and remember Rev. Sulanke. It is with this in mind that the Hazelwood Board has made the decision to christen the Library/Rotunda area "Sulanke Commons." A sign is being made, much like the one you see in Cartwright Hall, to hang on the east wall of the room.

Please join us on Sunday, September 17 during Coffee Fellowship for the official unveiling of the new sign. Along with the usual array of coffee and goodies, Rev. Jason will say a few words as we dedicate the space to the memory of a man who meant so much to so many.

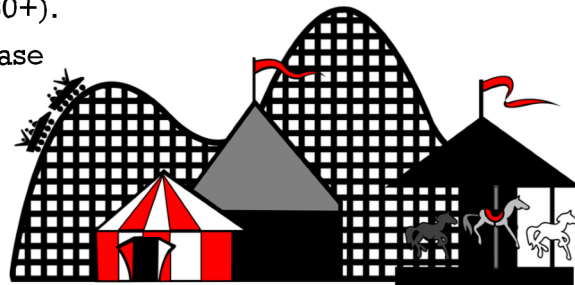
ALL-CHURCH TRIP: HOLIDAY WORLD!

Hazelwoodians of all ages are invited to a day of family fun at *Holiday World & Splashin' Safari* in Santa Claus, Indiana on Saturday, September 9. Whether you love the rides and games of an amusement park, or prefer to get wet at the water park, there is something for everyone to enjoy (for more information on Holiday World, check out their website at www.holidayworld.com)!

We don't have the funds to charter a bus, so everyone will be responsible for their own transportation (car pooling is definitely encouraged!). But by planning a group trip, we can get discounted tickets at \$31.99 per person age 3 and up, and free for age 2 and younger. To get in on this great discount, RSVP at the sign-up table in the Rotunda or contact Rev. James in the church office. Payment is due no later than September 3. If you pay by check, make it out to Hazelwood Christian Church and write "Holiday World" on the memo line (be sure to make this check separate from your offering!).

If you aren't able to commit by September 3 but find yourself able to join in on the fun, you can purchase tickets at the gate for \$49.99 per person over 54" tall, \$39.99 for those under 54" and seniors (age 60+).

If you have any questions about this trip, please contact Rev. James in the church office.



CROP WALK

Muncie Area CROP Hunger Walk 2017

Hunger and poverty are rampant in our world, and escalating in the current economic conditions. Something can and must be done about them. Our local CROP Hunger Walk is a great place to start. For a few hours and a few miles, friends and neighbors will come together to, in the words of John 3:18, "... Love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action."



When: Sunday, September 24 at 2 p.m.
Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.

Where: Riverside United Methodist Church
1201 N. Wheeling Ave.

The sign-up to walk, or contribute to a walker, begins Sunday, September 3, 2017.



Christian Ministries' Food Pantry is still in need of a volunteer to help out September 6, 7, & 8 from 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help out any these days, please contact Marcia Miller at (765) 730-5552 to sign up, or for more information.

~Blessings from the Missions & Benevolence Team

*For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment,
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."*

Galatians 5:14



Looking Ahead...

September 4, 2017

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

September 5, 2017

Hazelwood Preschool's 2017-2018 School Year Begins

September 9, 2017

Trip to Holiday World & Splashin' Safari

For discounted tickets, sign up in the Rotunda by September 3

September 15, 2017

Men's Lunch, Noon, Cartwright Hall (Host: Dick Miller)

September 16-October 1, 2017

Open Nominations

If you have any questions or would like to nominate someone from the congregation for a position, contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Shirley Bookout (chair), Marcia Miller (co-chair), Kathy Clary, Dennis Holmes, and Cheryl McCoy.

September 19, 2017

Trustees, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
Board, 7 p.m., Cartwright Hall



August 20-26, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Sunday School Teacher Meeting, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
 - Night of Praise, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- TUESDAY**
- Nominating Committee, 5:30 p.m., Chapel
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Bazaar Planning, 12:45 p.m., Mancino's
 - Sandwich & Study, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - No Bell Choir Rehearsal
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

August 27– September 2, 2017

- SUNDAY**
- Worship Service, 10 a.m., Sanctuary
 - All-Youth Fellowship, 11:30 a.m., Cartwright Hall
- MONDAY**
- Area Ministers, 10:30 a.m., Chapel
 - CWF, 2 p.m., Morrison Woods, Room 101
- WEDNESDAY**
- Praise Band Rehearsal, 9 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Sandwich & Study, 6 p.m., Cartwright Hall
 - No Bell Choir Rehearsal
 - Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Choir Loft

YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for the first Annual Car, Truck, & Tractor Cruise-In at Yorktown Christian Church. It will be a fun-filled family event with food, music, & games! All proceeds will go to support the Yorktown Christian Church mission.

When: Saturday, August 19, Noon-6 p.m.

Where: Yorktown Christian Church
10101 W. SR 32 in Yorktown

Registration is FREE! Participant ribbons given to the first 100 vehicles to arrive.

To pre-register, or for any questions, contact Daniel Blanton by phone at (765) 808-8135, or by email at railroad7118@gmail.com.

